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APPLICANT : HEINO HERMEKING  
SERIAL NO. : 10/555,918  
FILED : NOVEMBER 7, 2005  
FOR : IRIS PROSTHESIS SYSTEM

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Commissioner For Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, dated September 19, 2006, enclosed herewith is the requested executed Declaration.

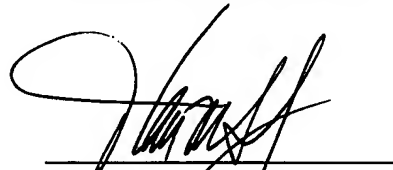
Credit Card form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$65.00 is enclosed to cover the official surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, except for the Publication Fee and Issue Fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3990.

Accordingly, issuance of the Official Filing Receipt is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

HEINO HERMEKING

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Enclosures: Executed Declaration,  
PTO-2038, Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts



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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 11/07/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 11/07/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 11/07/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 11/07/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/07/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 11/07/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 11/07/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 11/07/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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